

remedy this deplorable and disgraceful situation, and that is for the Congress of the United States to retrieve and exercise the prerogatives given them in Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States, and which each member has sworn to defend. That is to exercise exclusive legislation in all cases in the District of Columbia.

We believe that you have the tools, Mr. Chairman, and we implore you to use them.

Thank you.

Mr. Dowdy. Thank you, Mrs. Howard.

We have the White House Police here now. We have Mr. Charles Humpstone, Acting Special Assistant to Treasury Secretary for Enforcement, Mr. James J. Rowley, Director, Secret Service, and Major Glennard Lanier, Chief, White House Police.

STATEMENT OF CHARLES HUMPTONE, ACTING SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO TREASURY SECRETARY FOR ENFORCEMENT, ACCOMPANIED BY JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR, SECRET SERVICE AND MAJ. GLENNARD LANIER, CHIEF, WHITE HOUSE POLICE

Mr. HUMPTONE. Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I want to thank you for allowing me to express the views of the Treasury Department with regard to pending bill H.R. 14430 and its identical companion H.R. 14448.

As to the essential purpose of the bill, which is to establish a Commissioner of Police for the District of Columbia, we make no comment, on the ground that this relates to a subject which is outside Treasury's professional jurisdiction. We do want to comment, however, as to one item in the bill which reads as follows:

SEC. 2. (a). There are transferred to the Police Commissioner the functions, powers, and duties of—

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(3) the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to the White House Police;

Our position is that subsection (3) should be deleted from the bill.

OPPOSE INCLUDING WHITE HOUSE POLICE

The Treasury Department is strongly opposed to the transfer of the functions, powers, and duties of the Secretary of the Treasury, with respect to the White House Police, to the Police Commissioner.

The White House Police force protects the White House, Executive Offices and grounds, and the President and his immediate family. The Secretary of the Treasury is charged with the supervision of the force and he has delegated his functions to the Director of the Secret Service as it has the statutory responsibility for protection of the Chief Executive and his immediate family.

The responsibilities of the White House Police are interwoven with those of the Treasury Department and particularly the Secret Service in every aspect of its operation and administration. To fragment the direction and supervision of the existing protective system could compromise the effective coordination of the efforts of the Secret Service